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PREFACE

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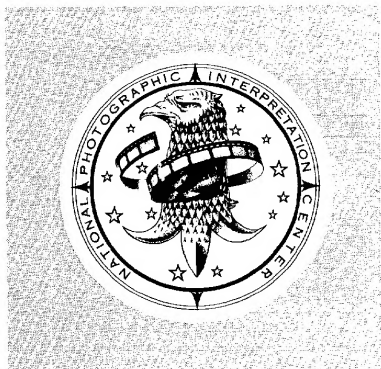
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RECENTLY IDENTIFIED INFILTRATION VESSELS, NORTH VIETNAM

ABSTRACT

This report describes in detail the latest additions to the North Vietnamese logistics and infiltration fleet -- the SL-2 Variant, the SL-6, and the SL-7. The report contains a basic description, a provisional line drawing, and a photo of each vessel type. Descriptions of the SL-1 through SL-5 are contained in NAVRECONTECHSUPPCEN 112/68-C, Vietnam Trawler Identification Guide, Dec 68 (SECRET).

INTRODUCTION

North Vietnam has acquired four SL-7 vessels for its logistics and infiltration fleet. These vessels were first observed on [REDACTED] anchored near the Haiphong Naval Infiltration Facility (Haiphong Marine Hospital, [REDACTED]).

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The SL-7, which is apparently capable of increased speed and cargo capacity, has the best potential for seaborne infiltration of any vessel in the infiltration fleet.

Four SL-2 Variant were acquired shortly before the SL-7 and one SL-6 has been in use in North Vietnam for at least 18 months. The SL-6 has been only recently officially listed in the infiltration fleet.

The acquisition of the four SL-7 makes a total of 58 vessels in the logistics and infiltration fleet. The inventory by type is as follows:

SL-1	32	SL-5	1
SL-2	6	SL-6	1
SL-3	3	SL-7	4
SL-4	4	WU HU	7

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Design

All eight vessels in the infiltration series are similar in basic design. The modified SL-2 varies from the SL-2 only in the superstructure (Figure 1). The SL-6 hull is similar to the SL-5 except that the sides running from the stern to amidships have been extended forward [REDACTED], the superstructure is rectangular rather than irregular, and there is no covered hatchway on the forecastle (Figure 2). The SL-7 utilizes the basic SL-2 hull design, but the superstructure has been moved 6.0 meters (20 feet) aft and the deckhouse has been extended across the entire width of the vessel (Figure 3).

Armament

The modified SL-2, the SL-6, and the SL-7 are all armed with 14.5mm machine-guns. In addition, the SL-2 Variant and the SL-7 have a 25mm over-and-under cannon mounted aft; the SL-2 Variant also has a probable recoilless rifle mounted aft.

Electronics

Electronics equipment on all three vessels includes a DONETS class surface search radar, a CROSS LOOP-type MF/DF, and a communications mast. An additional unidentified radar similar to the POT series is also present on all three vessels.

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SL-2 Variant Infiltration Vessel

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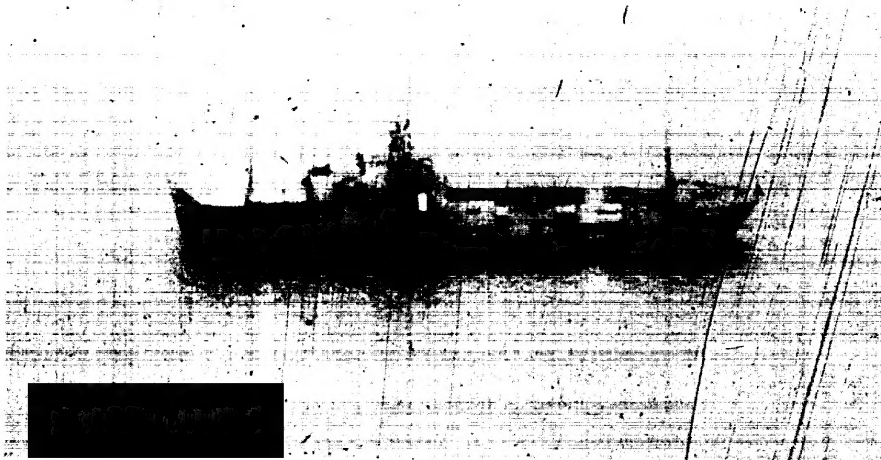
Cargo capacity 200 tons (estimated)

Armament 14.5mm machinegun amidship, 25mm cannon aft, probable recoilless rifle aft.

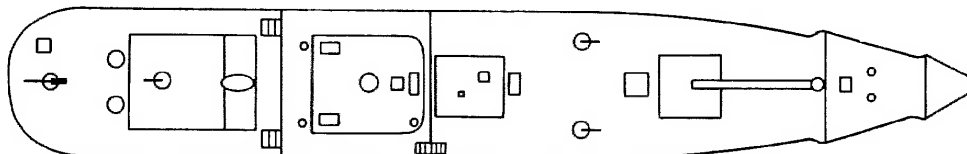
Electronics DONETS class surface search radar, CROSS LOOP type MF/DF, unidentified radar similar to POT series, communications mast.

HULL Identical to SL-2.

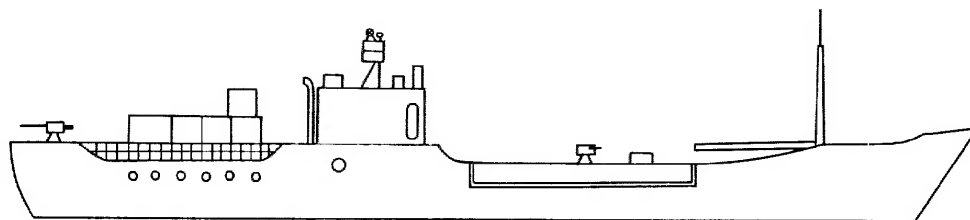
Remarks Modifications to basic SL-2 include: mast moved to forecabin; "Chicken Coop" enclosure for 25mm cannon enlarged to encompass the funnel. Four of the six SL-2 are variant type.



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FIGURE 1. SL-2 VARIANT INFILTRATION VESSEL

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SL-7 Infiltration Vessel

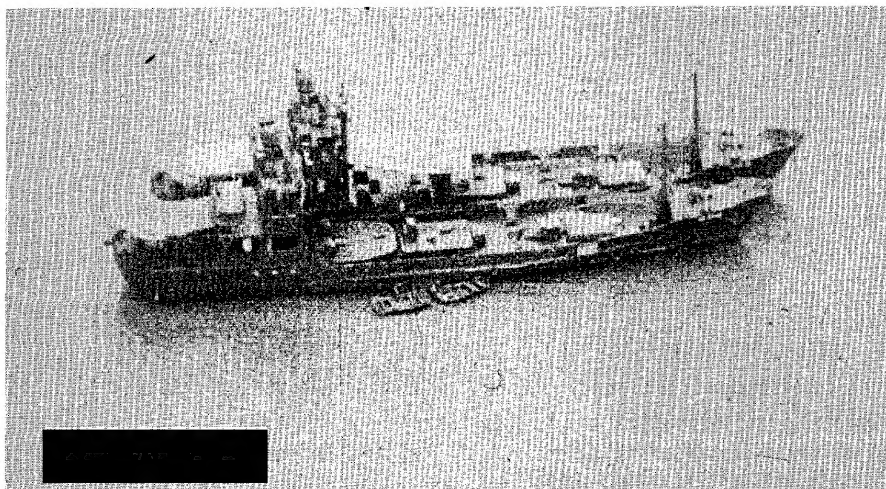
Cargo Capacity 200 tons (estimated)

Armament Two 14.5mm machine guns amidship; probable 25mm cannon aft.

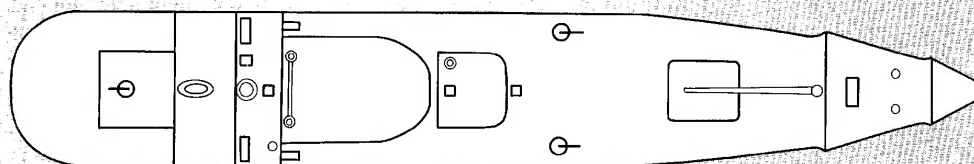
Electronics DNETS class surface search radar, CROSS LOOP type MF/DF, unidentified radar similar to POT series, communications mast.

Hull Identical to SL-2 except superstructure is located 6.0 meters (20 feet) further aft. Deckhouse has been extended across the full width of vessel to form island.

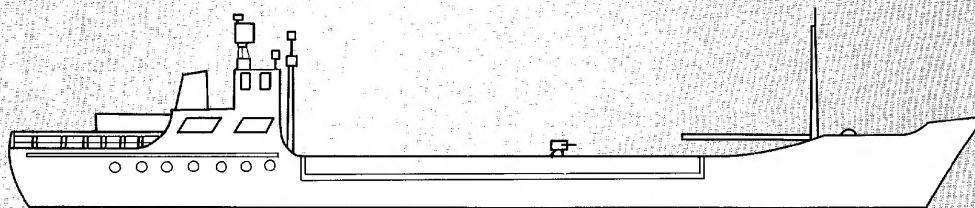
Remarks All carry 400 series pendant numbers.



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FIGURE 3. SL-7 INFILTRATION VESSEL

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SL-6 Infiltration Vessel

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Cargo Capacity 200 tons (estimated)

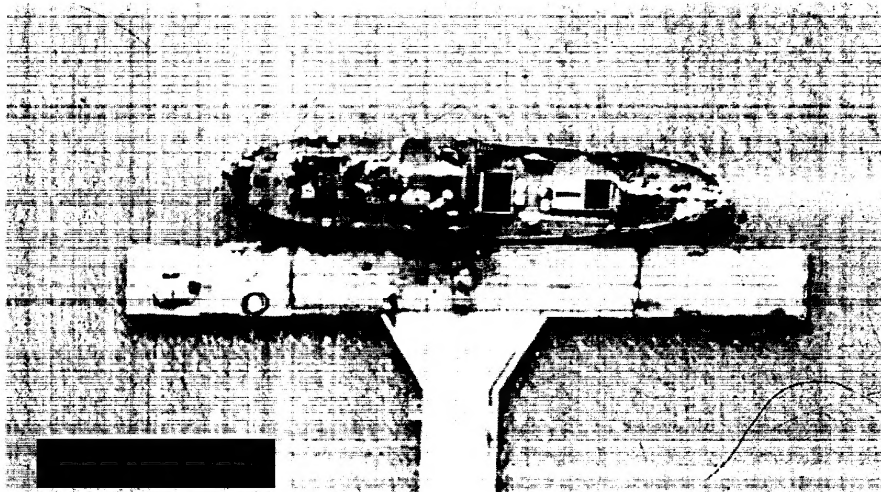
Armament Three 14.5mm machineguns (two forward, one aft)

Electronics DONETS class surface search radar, CROSS LOOP MF/DF, unidentified radar similar to the POT series, communications mast.

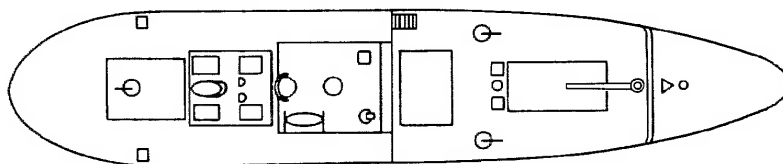
Hull Similar to SL-5 except sides from the stern to amidships have been extended forward approximately

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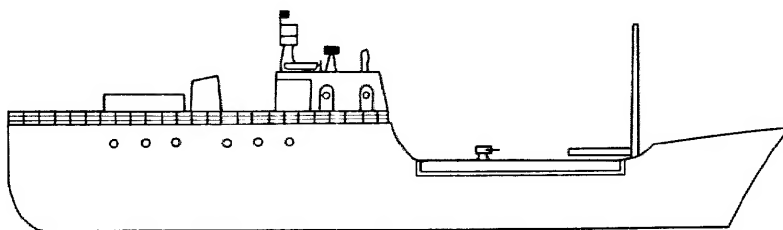
Remarks Superstructure is rectangular. No covered hatchway on the forecastle.



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FIGURE 2. SL-6 INFILTRATION VESSEL

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